

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

Waller, Fort Bend, and Wharton counties; Waller the returning county.—William Matthew Burton, of Richmond, Fort Bend county, was born in Halifax county, North Carolina, August 9, 1840; came to Texas in 1858, and settled in Fort Bend county; was sheriff of Fort Bend county from 1868 to 1873 inclusive; was a Senator in the Fourteenth Legislature, and re-elected to the same position in 1876, by a majority of about 1900 votes, over C. L. Abbott; is a farmer by occupation. His term expires November, 1880.